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In this June 2, 2009 file photo, men ride a motorcycle near the wind power generator in Nantong, east China's Jiangsu Province. China has overtaken the United States as the world's largest energy consumer, the International Energy Agency said Tuesday, July 20, 2010. China immediately questioned the calculation.

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Lance Armstrong of the U.S. rides towards Pau during the 16th stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 124 miles with start in Bagneres-de-Luchon and finish in Pau, Pyrenees region, France, Tuesday, July 20, 2010.

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Obama, British PM: Lockerbie bomber release not BP's doing

DESMOND BUTLER

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP)

— British Prime Minister David Cameron on Tuesday turned aside U.S. calls for an investigation into the release of the Lockerbie bomber by Scotland and said there was no indication that oil giant BP had swayed the controversial decision.

Both Cameron and President Barack Obama, who met with him at the White House, condemned the release of Libyan bomber Abdel Baset al-Megrahi from a Scottish prison.

Still, Cameron said the release was not the doing of the British government nor, apparently, the result of any lobbying by BP to win oil concessions from Libya.

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President Barack Obama, right, and British Prime Minister David Cameron, left, talk during their meeting in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington Tuesday, July 20, 2010.

Associated Press



Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington, in this photo taken June 30, 2010. There was hardly a mention of it in her confirmation hearings last week, but Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan raised hundreds of millions of dollars for Harvard Law School from wealthy donors while she was its dean. She could one day sit in judgment on cases involving some of those same donors.

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partisan backdrop, at a time when Republicans are focused on making sharp distinctions between themselves and Obama, whose approval ratings are sagging little more than 100 days out from November elections, will be confirmed," predicted Sen. Patrick Leahy, a Democrat and the Judiciary chairman.

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This is a Nov. 8, 2004 file photo of former head of Britain's domestic spy agency MI5 Eliza Manningham-Buller. Manningham-Buller was testifying Tuesday July 20, 2010 before Britain's inquiry into the conflict as documents were released that showed MI5 believed Saddam Hussein had a limited ability to mount terrorist attacks in Britain before the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

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Ex-MI5 spy chief: No link between Iraq and 9/11

DAVID STRINGER

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LONDON (AP) — The war in Iraq led to a loss of focus on the threat from al-Qaida, emboldened the group's leader Osama bin Laden, and helped to breed a generation of homegrown terrorists, Britain's former domestic spy chief told an inquiry Tuesday.

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Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., talks to the media after a markup hearing of the Senate Judiciary Committee on the confirmation of Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan on Capitol Hill in Washington Tuesday, July 20, 2010. Just one Republican, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., joined Democrats to approve Kagan's nomination and send it to the full Senate, where she is expected to win confirmation within weeks.

KAGAN

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"She will go on the U.S. Supreme Court."

Sen. Lindsey Graham broke with his party to cast the sole Republican "yes" vote on President Obama's nominee to succeed retiring Justice John Paul Stevens. The vote was 13-6.

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"What's in Elena Kagan's heart is that of a good person who adopts a philosophy I disagree with," Graham said. "She will serve this nation honorably, and it would not have been someone I would have chosen, but the person who did choose, President Obama, I think chose wisely."

At the White House, Obama hailed the

vote as a "bipartisan affirmation of her strong performance" in confirmation hearings, and said Kagan would be "a fair and impartial" justice who understands the impact of Supreme Court decisions on everyday people's lives. He called on the Senate to confirm her before Congress takes a monthlong summer break starting August 7 — a deadline Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Democrat, said he looks forward to meeting.

A few more Republicans are expected likely to back Kagan in the full Senate, where Democrats have more than enough votes to confirm her.

But most Republican senators are against her, arguing that she would put her political views ahead of the law. They point to what they call her liberal agenda and on such issues as abortion and gun rights, and have chastised her for the decision as dean of Harvard Law School to bar military recruiters from the campus career services office because of the policy against openly gay soldiers.

"She has deeply held liberal, progressive views," said Sen. Jeff Sessions, the top Republican on the Judiciary panel. As a justice, he said, Kagan "will not be the objective, impartial arbiter and settler of disputes, but someone who

would use the opportunity to redefine words to advance an agenda that's not in the court's role to advance."

Democrats praised Kagan, the 50-year-old who has served as the Obama administration's solicitor general, calling her a highly qualified glass ceiling-shattering nominee who could bring consensus to an ideologically divided court.

"It becomes more and more apparent that we need a return to the center and a justice who will urge moderation and who will

"Elena Kagan push for consensus. Elena Kagan's record gives me confidence that she could be just such a voice," said Sen. Dianne Feinstein, a Democrat.

Republicans have been quicker to announce their opposition to Kagan than they were last year to Obama's first high court nominee, Justice Sonia Sotomayor. Graham is the only Republican so far to say he will vote "yes."

Democrats attributed the difference to political considerations by the Republicans.

"Sadly, it appears election-year politics may deprive her of the vote total that her nomination deserves," said Sen. Chuck Schumer, a Democrat. □



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Vote delay defeated, jobless benefits probable



Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., left, is joined by newly-sworn Sen. Carte Goodwin, D-W.Va., right, after the Senate cleared a hurdle to restore unemployment benefits to millions of Americans who have been out of work for more than six months, at the Capitol in Washington, Tuesday, July 20, 2010. The 60-40 vote came moments after Goodwin, a successor to West Virginia Democrat Robert Byrd, took his oath of office.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Senate Democrats used a new senator's vote on Tuesday to stop a Republican delaying tactic and clear the way for a vote on legislation to restore unemployment benefits for 2½ million Americans still unable to find work in the frail national economic recovery.

Sen. Carte Goodwin, replacing the late Sen. Robert Byrd, had been sworn in minutes before the vote and became the Democrats' 60th vote in the 100-seat Senate.

Under Senate rules, the minority party can forestall votes until the majority can come produce a three-fifths

majority.

Republican Lindsey Graham already had announced he would break ranks with his party and vote for the extended benefits package. Recovery from the nation's long and deep recession has produced relatively few new jobs so far, and millions of people's unemployment benefits began running out seven weeks ago as Congress bogged down in an impasse over whether the \$34 billion cost of a fresh extension of benefits should be paid for with budget cuts or be added to the \$13 trillion national debt.

Democrats emphasized the plight of the unemployed and argued that putting

money in the pockets of jobless families also would boost economic revival.

The numbers are far smaller than last year's \$862 billion stimulus legislation. Republicans have blocked Democratic add-ons, such as aid to state governments. "It's too small to have any noticeable impact on the economy's growth rate," said Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors. "But the benefits do provide an important safety net for people during these difficult economic times." The economy has added 882,000 jobs so far this year — but many of those were only temporary positions

as the federal government geared up to conduct the every-10-years U.S. Census. Many Republicans have voted in the past for deficit-financed benefits extension, including twice under President George W. Bush, a Republican. With the deficit well in excess of \$1 trillion

now, they say it should be paid for with spending cuts elsewhere in the \$3.7 trillion federal budget. The Republican leader, Sen. Mitch McConnell, said after Tuesday's vote, however, that the party was ready to support the legislation now that it has been passed. □

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British Prime Minister David Cameron, left, stands as House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, speaks, with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., right, before their meeting on Capitol Hill in Washington Tuesday, July 20, 2010.

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BRITISH PM

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Rather it was a decision by the government of Scotland on compassionate grounds, he said.

"It was the biggest mass murder in British history, and there was no business letting him out of prison," Cameron said.

Said Obama: "I think all of us here in the United States were surprised, disappointed and angry."

Cameron said at a joint White

House news conference with Obama that any role that BP may have played in the Lockerbie release "is a matter for BP to answer." But he went on to say there was no evidence that Scotland's decision was influenced by BP.

At issue is the British oil giant's efforts to win ratification of a deepwater oil deal off Libya's coast.

Cameron said he and Obama were in "violent agreement" that the release was a

mistake.

However, they did disagree slightly over the issue of an investigation. Several U.S. senators have proposed a probe, and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton has called on both British and Scottish officials to review the situation.

Obama said it was important that all facts be released to the public, and Cameron said he agreed. But, Cameron added, "I don't think there's any great mystery here. ... I don't need an inquiry to tell me it was a bad decision. It was a bad decision."

Cameron also said he understood American anger over the BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

He said the spill that began April 20 with an explosion aboard a BP-leased oil rig that claimed 11 lives was "a catastrophe" for the environment, the fishing industry and for tourism in the region.

Cameron said he agreed with Obama that "it is BP's role to cap the leak, clean up the mess and pay the appropriate compensation."

He said that the recent temporary capping of the well by BP was "a step in the right direction."

At the same time, Cameron said that BP, formerly known as British Petroleum, "is an important company to both" the United States and Britain, noting it employs thousands of workers on both sides of the Atlantic.

It was the British prime minister's first visit to the United States since taking office ten weeks ago. However, he and Obama met one-on-one last month on the sidelines of a world summit in Toronto and discussed

some of the same issues.

There was one item on which the two leaders basically agreed to disagree, however: the vastly different approaches to budget-cutting the two countries are taking amid a fragile economic recovery.

Cameron's coalition government has imposed stringent spending cuts, while the Obama administration favors eventual deficit reduction — but does not want to slam on the stimulus brakes too quickly for fear of jeopardizing a fragile recovery and plunging the U.S. back into recession.

Obama said there would be differences in how different countries "approach it tactically and at what pace." He also said there was "no closer ally and no closer partner" than Britain. He reaffirmed the "truly special relationship" between the two nations.

"We speak a common language most of the time," Obama joked.

A key item of their private discussion was Afghanistan, where Britain has the most troops serving of any NATO nation after the United States. But Cameron has said he wants his country's 10,000 troops out by the time of Britain's next election, which must be held by 2015.

The prime minister participated in a working lunch with Obama and Vice President Joe Biden, whom he met earlier for breakfast at the British Embassy.

Cameron had hoped to use his first official visit to the White House to build his standing as a statesman and develop his relationship with Obama. Instead, he was forced to focus on the British

government's decision last August to return the cancer-stricken prisoner to Libya on compassionate grounds.

Al-Megrahi served eight years of a life sentence for the Dec. 21, 1988, bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 as it flew over Lockerbie, Scotland, en route to New York. The bombing killed 270 people, almost all of them Americans. He was released and returned to Libya in August 2009 after doctors said he had only three months to live, but a doctor now says he could live for another decade.


Cameron said that, while Scotland is part of Britain, Scotland had the authority to make the release decision under the limited powers it has on its own — and that the British government of his predecessor, Gordon Brown, did not participate in the decision.

Cameron will meet Tuesday evening with U.S. lawmakers who have urged an inquiry into BP's alleged lobbying of the British government over al-Megrahi's release.


Libya's proven oil reserves are the ninth-largest in the world, but vast areas remain unexplored. The country has been working to bring in foreign oil companies and investors after U.S. and U.N. sanctions were lifted several years ago.

The U.S. lawmakers asked the State Department last week to investigate whether BP pressured officials as part of efforts to seek access to Libyan oil fields.

Cameron was to complete his two-day visit on Wednesday in New York, with meetings with United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg. □



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Racial tensions roil school board; 19 arrests made

MIKE BAKER,

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RALEIGH, North Carolina (AP) — Protesters and police scuffled Tuesday at a school board meeting in North Carolina over claims that a new busing system would resegregate schools, roiling racial tensions reminiscent of the 1960s.

Nineteen people were arrested, including the head of the state NAACP chapter who was banned from the meeting after a trespassing arrest at a June school board gathering.

“We know that our cause is right,” the Rev. William Barber said shortly before police put plastic handcuffs on his wrists before the meeting started.

Inside, more than a dozen demonstrators disrupted the meeting by gathering around a podium, chanting and singing against the board’s policies.

After several minutes, Raleigh police intervened and asked them to leave. When they refused, the officers grabbed arms and tried to arrest the protesters. One child was caught in the pushing and shoving, as was school board member Keith Sutton, who was nearly arrested before authorities realized who he

was.

“Hey, hey, ho, ho, resegregation has got to go,” some protesters chanted.

Sutton said he went into the crowd to try and calm things down and encourage officers not to use such strong force. He said he felt insulted that he almost got arrested and believes the officer who tried to detain him owes him an apology.

“I’m just real dismayed and disappointed,” Sutton said.

The Wake County School Board has voted multiple times over the last several months to scrap the district’s diversity policy, which distributed students based on socioeconomic status and for years had been a model for other districts looking to balance diversity in schools. Several school board members elected last year have built a majority in favor of focusing on neighborhood schools.

The board’s chairman, Ron Margiotta, said the panel would not be distracted in its effort to “provide choice and increased stability for families.”

“This board does not intend to create high poverty or low-performing schools,” he said

to scoffs from the crowd.

At a morning rally that drew 1,000 people, speakers quoted Martin Luther King Jr., remembered the days of segregated water fountains and likened the current situation to the landmark Brown v. Board of Education battle. Barber talked about America’s legacy of racial strife to galvanize the crowd.

“Too many prayers were prayed,” Barber said. “Too many lives were sacrificed. Too much blood was shed. Too many tears were shed. We can’t turn back now.”

Barber’s supporters believe the new policy will resegregate schools. They carried signs that read: “Segregate equals hate” and “History is not a mystery. Separate is always unequal.” George Ramsay,



Protesters take over the Wake County Public School board meeting in Raleigh, N.C. on Tuesday, July 20, 2010 during a protest on the school board decision to eliminate a busing policy focused on diversity.

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a white former student body president of Enloe High School, said it was necessary to keep the diversity policy in place to prepare students for an

increasingly connected world. “It is shortsighted to ignore the way students like me have been enriched by diversity,” Ramsay said. □

Police: Alleged freeway shooter was targeting ACLU

By TERRY COLLINS

Associated Press Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — A California man known for his anger over left-leaning politics said after a freeway shootout with CHP officers that he had been planning an attack on the ACLU and another nonprofit group, police said Tuesday.

Byron Williams, 45, a parolee with two previous bank robbery convictions, wanted to “start a revolution” by killing people at the American Civil Liberties Union and Tides Foundation, Oakland police Sgt. Michael Weisenberg said in court documents.

The weekend shootout occurred in a 24-hour span in Oakland when a sniper shot at police officers from a high-rise building, and a Virginia man who had a job interview in the San Francisco Bay area was fatally shot in downtown Oakland by robbers who got away with just \$17.

The spate of violence came just a week after Oakland laid off 80 officers and is facing criticism for slower response to calls.

The Oakland Police Department is leading the investigation into the shootout, but no city police were involved in the incident that occurred on Interstate 580.

Officer Jeff Thomason, a police spokesman, said the two groups were targeted because of their politics. The ACLU is a civil rights group, while the Tides Foundation says on its website that it works to advance progressive social change. □

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In this Jan. 29, 1998 file photo, Iraqi Deputy Premier Tariq Aziz, left, greets President Saddam Hussein on Eid al-Fitr, the end of Ramadan in Baghdad, Iraq. Iraq's deputy justice minister says U.S. authorities have handed over 55 members of Saddam Hussein's former regime, including the longtime international face of the regime, Tariq Aziz.

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Making the sharpest criticism so far aired in

Britain's inquiry into mistakes made in the Iraq war, Eliza Manningham-Buller, director of the MI5

agency between 2002 and 2007, said Britain's government paid little attention to warnings that the war would fuel domestic terrorism.

Manningham-Buller also said Iraq had posed little threat before the 2003 U.S.-led invasion, and insisted there was no evidence of a link between former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein and the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the United States. "There was no credible intelligence to suggest that connection and that was the judgment, I might say, of the CIA," she told the inquiry. "It was not a judgment that found favor with some parts of the American machine."

The ex-spy chief said those pushing the case for war in the United States gave undue prominence to scraps of inconclusive intelligence on possible links between Iraq and the 2001 attacks. She singled out the then-U.S. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

"It is why Donald Rumsfeld started an alternative intelligence unit in the Pentagon to seek an alternative judgment," said Manningham-Buller, who was a frequent visitor to the U.S. as MI5 chief.

"Saddam Hussein had nothing to do with 9/11 and I have never seen anything to make me change my mind," she said.

Manningham-Buller also indicated that MI5 disagreed with then-Prime Minister Tony Blair over a key justification for the war — Iraq's purported harboring of weapons of mass destruction.

She said the belief that Iraq might use such weapons

against the West "wasn't a concern in either the short term or the medium term to either my colleagues or myself."

Manningham-Buller, now a member of the House of Lords, was testifying to the inquiry panel in London. Convened by the government, the inquiry aims to examine the buildup to the Iraq war and errors made on post-conflict planning.

It won't apportion blame or assign criminal liability for mistakes made, but will issue a report later this year with recommendations for future operations and military missions.

Manningham-Buller said the focus on Iraq had far-reaching consequences for the mission to tackle global terrorism.

"By focusing on Iraq, we reduced the focus on the al-Qaida threat in Afghanistan. I think that was a long-term, major and strategic problem," she told the panel.

She acknowledged the Iraq war vastly increased the terrorism threat to Britain — with her officers battling to handle a torrent of terrorism plots launched by homegrown radicals in the wake of the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

"Our involvement in Iraq radicalized, for want of a better word, a whole generation of young people — not a whole generation, a few among a generation — who saw our involvement in Iraq, on top of our involvement in Afghanistan, as being an attack on Islam," she said.

She disclosed for the first time that about 70 to 80

British citizens had traveled to Iraq to join the insurgency. Video messages left by the four suicide bombers who killed 52 commuters in the 2005 attacks on London's subway and bus network had referred to Britain's role in Iraq.

Manningham-Buller told the five-member inquiry panel that the decision to invade Iraq had likely provided an impetus to al-Qaida.

"Arguably we gave Osama bin Laden his Iraqi jihad, so that he was able to move into Iraq in a way that he was not before," she said.

The ex-spy chief, giving evidence in a public session, said she had been asked by the British government after the invasion to persuade deputy U.S. Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz to ditch his plan to disband Iraq's army. She said she found she had "not a hope" of changing Wolfowitz's mind. She also acknowledged that the intelligence picture before the Iraq war was incomplete. A previous British inquiry into the Iraq war criticized flawed intelligence used before the invasion. "The picture was fragmentary," Manningham-Buller said. "The picture was not complete. The picture on intelligence never is."

She said MI5 had refused requests to supply "low-grade" intelligence for a government dossier on the case for war, a document sharply criticized in the previous inquiry.

Other ex-intelligence chiefs — including two former heads of the MI6 overseas spy agency — have given evidence to the inquiry in private sessions. □



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Spain parliament rejects burqa ban _ for now

ALAN CLENDENNING

HAROLD HECKLE

MADRID (AP) — Spain's Parliament on Tuesday rejected a proposal to ban women from wearing in public places Islamic veils that reveal only the eyes.

However, the Socialist government has said it favors including a ban on people wearing burqas in government buildings in an upcoming bill on religious issues to be debated after parliament's summer vacation break.

Following a lower chamber debate, 183 lawmakers opposed the ban, 162 voted for it and two abstained.

The nonbinding proposal had been put forward by the leading opposition Popular Party, which portrayed it as a measure in support of women's rights.

The ruling Socialist Party opposed the ban.

"It is very difficult to understand how it is that

our troops are defending liberty in Afghanistan and the government doesn't have the courage to do so here, in Spain," said opposition spokeswoman Soraya Saenz de Santamaria in Parliament.

The opposition's proposal followed discussions in several other European countries on possibly banning face veils that show only a woman's eyes, or their eyes through a knitted mesh.

Nations like France, Belgium and Switzerland have struggled to balance their national identities with growing Muslim populations with cultural practices that clash with their own.

In Spain, the PP had put forward the proposal "in defense of the dignity and equality of all women" and to prevent Muslim women from being forced into wearing unwanted garments such as veils by their husbands.

Some analysts had interpreted

the proposal as an opposition ploy to build their party's strength amid the economic turmoil and dismal growth prospects that have dogged the government of Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero.

None of the opposition spokesmen consulted had been able to cite a place in Spain where women routinely wear face-covering veils.

However, a handful of Spanish towns and cities have banned the wearing of burqas and niqabs in municipal buildings, including in the country's second-largest city of Barcelona in June.

Of Spain's 47 million inhabitants, about 1 million are Muslims, most of whom have arrived in recent decades mainly looking for employment from northwest Africa, where the burqa is not common.

"This has been used politically in a search for electoral support," said Mansur



Spain's Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez, left, Deputy Prime Minister Maria Teresa Fernandez de la Vega, center, and Spain's Finance Minister Elena Salgado, right, during a plenary session at the Spanish parliament in Madrid Tuesday July 20, 2010. Spain's Parliament will debate a proposal Tuesday to ban women from wearing Islamic veils in public, but the ruling Socialist Party vowed to vote against the measure that could lead to a law outlawing burqas and niqabs.

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Escudero, president of the Islamic Commission of Spain. He said he last saw a woman wearing a burqa in Spain 10 years ago in the southern city of Marbella, where Saudi Arabia's royal family and other wealthy Arab clans own

large homes and estates. Escudero said the woman could have been a tourist. The only woman he knew who regularly wore a burqa had lived in the southern city of Cordoba and died about a decade ago. □

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China surpasses U.S. as world's top energy consumer



In this March 31, 2009 file photo, a worker pushes a cart on a construction site of an electrical substation in Daying, in southwest China's Sichuan province. China has overtaken the United States as the world's largest energy consumer, the International Energy Agency said Tuesday, July 20, 2010. China immediately questioned the calculation.

JENNY BARCHFIELD
Associated Press Writer

PARIS (AP) — China has overtaken the United States as the world's largest energy consumer, the International Energy Agency said Tuesday. China immediately questioned the report, claiming its calculations were "unreliable."

The Paris-based agency said China's 2009 consumption of energy sources ranging from oil and coal to wind and solar power was equal to 2.265 billion tons of oil, compared to 2.169 billion tons used that year by the United States.

The shift is historic, coming years ahead of forecasts. In

climate change talks, China has long pointed fingers at the energy consumption patterns of developed nations and is sure to feel uncomfortable with the mantle of consuming more energy than any other nation.

China is also sensitive to complaints about its status as the world's biggest polluter and suggestions that its demand is pushing up energy prices on global markets.

According to the IEA statistics, China's energy consumption has more than doubled in less than a decade, from 1.107 billion tons in 2000 — driven by

its burgeoning population and economic growth that hit 11.9 percent in the first quarter of this year.

Per capita, the United States still consumes five times more energy than China, IEA chief economist Fatih Birol told The Associated Press in an interview.

China's manufacturing and steel production are booming, and newly prosperous Chinese families, who a generation ago were subsistence farmers, are now buying air conditioners, home electronics and cars in record numbers.

The surge in energy consumption has turned China into the biggest source of climate-changing greenhouse gases. The government has pledged to curb the growth in its emissions, but has refused to adopt binding curbs, maintaining that pollution is an unavoidable consequence of the industrialization process.

According to the IEA statistics, in 2009, more than half of China's total energy came from coal, a heavy polluter that accounts for less than a quarter of U.S. consumption. Oil — the No. 1 energy source in the U.S., accounting for nearly half the total — made up less

than a fifth of the Chinese energy total.

The Chinese Cabinet's National Energy Administration cast doubt on the IEA's statistics, according to a report Tuesday by the official Xinhua News Agency.

"IEA's data on China's energy use is unreliable," said official Zhou Xian, adding that the agency "still lacked understanding about China's relentless efforts to cut energy use and emissions, notably the country's aggressive expansion of new energy development."

The report cited data from China's National Bureau of Statistics that said China's energy consumption last year was equal to 2.132 billion tons of oil — less than the IEA figure.

Birol, the IEA's head economist, told The AP that the organization had used the same sources and methodology it always has in compiling the 2009 statistics, which he said were in line with the trend for the past decade.

"The trend is undeniable that the Chinese energy consumption is growing very strongly — which is very legitimate, by the way, considering their population — and the energy from the OECD countries, the U.S., Europe and Japan, is stagnating. They are two major undeniable trends," Birol said in a telephone interview. "There's nothing specific from this year, it's all the same methodologies we used before."

He was quick to emphasize that China's appetite for energy is consistent with the rise in its 1.3 billion-strong population and the growth of its manufacturing-based economy, which churns out half the world's supply of steel and is also a top producer of aluminum — another fuel-hungry

industry.

He also emphasized China's status as the world's leader in wind and solar power and said the country was also making "major efforts" in nuclear power.

China has invested heavily in hydroelectric dams, wind turbines and nuclear power plants in an attempt to cut rising reliance on imported oil and gas, which its leaders see as a national security risk.

Still, coal, oil and natural gas are expected to account for most of China's energy supplies for decades to come.

The country builds dozens of new coal- and gas-fired power plants every year as it attempts to keep pace with double-digit annual increases in electricity consumption.

The country's flood of new office towers, shopping malls, hotels and apartment complexes are straining generating stations in cities, where demand exceeds supply — forcing the government to order rolling blackouts during the summer.

Improving energy efficiency is a key part of China's stimulus spending in response to the global downturn.

The communist government is in the midst of a five-year campaign to cut China's "energy intensity," the amount of energy consumed for each unit of economic output, by 20 percent from 2005 levels.

The government said this month it has reached the 16 percent mark after shutting down outmoded power plants, steel mills and other facilities. But authorities say China still consumes several times as much energy as the United States, Japan and other developed economies per dollar of output. □



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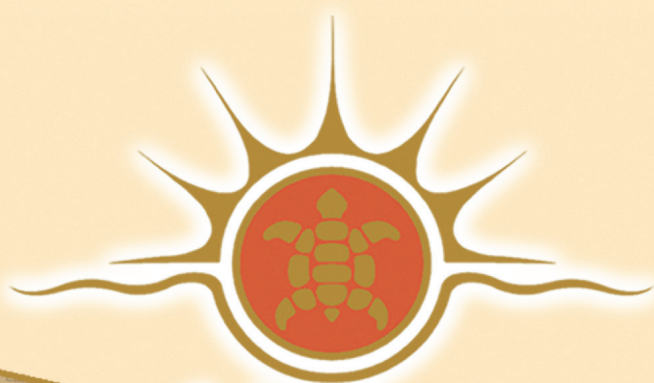
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U.S., S.Korea to conduct military drills next week

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Associated Press Writer

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — The U.S. and South Korea will launch joint military exercises this weekend to sharpen their readiness against North Korean aggression, the allies' defense chiefs, despite warnings from Pyongyang that the drills would deepen tensions on the peninsula. U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Washington and Seoul want to send a "clear message" to North Korea after the March sinking of a South Korean warship. Forty-six South Korean sailors were killed in the sinking, which an international investigation pinned on a torpedo fired from a North Korean submarine near the Koreas' tense sea border. The waters have been the site of several bloody skirmishes in recent years.

"These defensive, combined exercises are designed to send a clear message to North Korea that its aggressive behavior must stop, and that we are committed to together enhancing our combined defensive capabilities," Gates and South Korea's Kim Tae-young said in a joint statement issued Tuesday after their talks.

North Korea flatly denies the accusations, and has warned that any punishment would trigger war. Gates arrived in South Korea late Monday for a series of high-profile security talks with South Korean officials. U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton landed in Seoul on Wednesday morning for a conference with Gates and their South Korean counterparts later in the day. The U.S. and South Korea say North Korea must pay for the sinking of the Cheonan, the worst military attack on South Korea since the 1950-53 Korean War. The two Koreas remain in a state of war because the conflict ended in a truce, not a peace treaty. South Korea's foreign minister, Yu Myung-hwan, told the YTN television network in an interview Tuesday that Washington is considering additional sanctions against North Korea. He said he expected a U.S. announcement on the issue on Wednesday. Clinton on Tuesday described South Korea as a "stalwart ally" but did not mention possible new sanctions. "It's particularly timely to show our strong support for South Korea, a stalwart ally, and send a very clear message to North Korea," Clinton told

reporters in Kabul where she was attending an international conference on Afghanistan before departing for Seoul. "Tomorrow is a real show of solidarity." Gates said he and Clinton are to visit the Demilitarized Zone dividing the two Koreas on Wednesday to demonstrate their "steadfast commitment" to South Korea, where Washington stations 28,500 troops as deterrence against the North. The 155-mile-long (250-kilometer-long) DMZ serves as a buffer between the two Koreas and is strewn with land mines and guarded by hundreds of thousands of combat-ready troops. At the height of the Cold War, the two Koreas occasionally exchanged gunfire along the DMZ. In 1976, two U.S. Army officers were hacked to death there with their own axes by North Korean soldiers. Former President Bill Clinton, who toured the no-man's land in 1993, reportedly described it as "the scariest place on Earth." South Korea and the U.S. plan to conduct a four-day combined maritime and air readiness exercise, dubbed "Invincible Spirit," off the Korean peninsula's east coast from July 25-28, their



South Korean honor guard soldiers wearing traditional military uniforms, salute during a rehearsal for the welcoming ceremony of U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Defense Secretary Robert Gates in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, July 20, 2010.

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militaries said in a separate joint statement. About 8,000 South Korean and U.S. troops, more than 20 alliance warships and submarines including the massive aircraft carrier USS George Washington and 200 military planes are to take part in next week's drills, it said. The F-22 Raptor—the world's most advanced fighter jets—will also be flying training missions in and around Korea for the first time, it added. More joint drills would follow off Korea's east and west coasts in the coming months, the statement said. South Korea and the U.S. have said the drills are defensive-

oriented, but the North has warned the training would only intensify tension because it is nothing but a preparation for an invasion. "The warmongers would be well advised to behave themselves, bearing deep in mind the consequences to be entailed by the above-said war moves," the North's government-run Minju Joson newspaper said in a commentary carried Tuesday by the official Korean Central News Agency. China has also opposed South Korea-U.S. military exercise, particularly one in the Yellow Sea, saying that would inflame tension on the peninsula. □

Lohan reports to jail for probation violation

By ANTHONY
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AP Entertainment Writers

LYNWOOD, Calif. — Whisked away to a women's jail in an unmarked sheriff's car after a brief hearing, Lindsay Lohan reported

Tuesday for a 90-day sentence that the troubled actress likely will serve in isolation, and which may be significantly shortened.

Wearing dark denim jeans, a gray top, black corset belt and black jacket, the 24-year-old Lohan showed up at the Beverly Hills courtroom about 10 minutes late. After a short hearing, she rose and was handcuffed behind her back to serve her time for a probation violation.

Lohan was accompanied to

court by her mother, Dina, and younger sister Ali, who wiped away tears after her sister was taken into a lockup.

Her estranged father, Michael Lohan, yelled, "We love you Lindsay!" as his daughter was led away. She was then taken across town to the Century Regional Detention Facility in the industrial suburb of Lynwood.

In court, Lohan was represented by her longtime attorney, Shawn Chapman Holley, who had resigned earlier but never filed a formal motion with the court. Famed celebrity attorney Robert Shapiro said Friday that he had agreed to represent the actress, but Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Marsha Revel said Tuesday that he had told her hours earlier that he would not take

the case.

Holley said after the hearing that Lohan had decided she did not want Shapiro to represent her.

"She's stepped up, she's accepted responsibility," Holley said of her client. "She's scared as anyone would be, but she's as resolute and she's doing it."

Prosecutor Danette Meyers said she thought Lohan was receiving the appropriate sentence. She said the case, which is atypical for the attention it receives, spotlighted that drunken driving is a serious offense with consequences. "Someone can get killed," Meyers said. "Hopefully it has opened a number of eyes."

While the judge did not address Lohan's tardiness

Tuesday directly, she did order her to report to probation officials within a day of her release from jail. The judge had previously ordered Lohan to report within two days.

Revel also has ordered officials not to allow Lohan to serve any of her sentence on house arrest or work release.

Two weeks ago the judge determined that the "Mean Girls" star violated her probation by missing seven alcohol education classes since December. She had been on probation since August 2007 after pleading guilty to misdemeanor drug charges and no contest to three driving charges.

Lohan, a prolific user of the microblogging site Twitter, posted a message roughly 12 hours before her court



Lindsay Lohan is shown in a court, Tuesday, July 20, 2010, in Beverly Hills, Calif., where she was taken into custody to serve a jail sentence for probation violation.

(AP Photo/Al Seib, pool)

appearance referencing her looming incarceration.

"The only 'bookings' that I'm familiar with are Disney Films, never thought that I'd be 'booking' into jail eeks," Lohan posted.

The jail and rehab stints have left some of the actress' projects in limbo, including her planned portrayal of porn star Linda Lovelace in a biopic.

Once considered an up-and-coming star, Lohan has in recent years been better-known as a tabloid staple and for the criminal case she has struggled to put behind her.

Her probation had to be extended for a year to give Lohan more time to complete her alcohol education courses and Revel ordered weekly attendance in December. But the actress didn't complete the sessions as ordered and missed a court date in May, setting a stage for her return to jail.

She is expected to serve her time — probably a quarter of her sentence or less — in isolation at a women's jail in the industrial suburb of Lynwood. The facility has hosted several female celebrities, including Paris Hilton, Nicole Richie, Michelle Rodriguez, Khloe Kardashian and very briefly, Lohan.

She will be forced to wear a jail-issued jumpsuit and be given a set of simple toiletries that all inmates receive: toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, comb, deodorant, shampoo and shaving implements. Hilton received one for her own secluded 23-day stay in 2007 for reckless driving charges. □

NYC police accuse rapper Ice-T of driving offense

NEW YORK — New York City police say they have arrested rapper-actor Ice-T on

FILE - In this March 22, 2010 file photo, rapper-actor Ice-T arrives for the special screening of Tyler Perry's 'Why Did I Get Married Too?' in New York.

(AP Photo/Jessica Rinaldi, file)

accusations of driving with a suspended license.

Police say the entertainer was driving a 2009 Cadillac near West 40th Street and 11th Avenue on Tuesday when officers stopped him for not wearing a seat belt. They said they ran a check and discovered his license was

suspended.

The NYPD said he would be given a ticket and released.

His publicist did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Ice-T has played Detective Fin Tutuola on the TV drama "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" since 2000. □

The "Salt" Premiere Shakes Up Hollywood

Jenny Peters

Los Angeles — Collective sighs of relief echoed down Hollywood Boulevard as Brad Pitt joined his superstar partner Angelina Jolie at the massive premiere of her new action flick "Salt." Jolie looked gorgeous as always in a skimpy black beaded minidress, but Pitt looked positively stunning after months of sporting a mountain man grizzle of facial hair that obscured his handsome visage.

But that's no more, and as Hollywood's golden couple crossed the street in front of Grauman's Chinese Theatre on Monday, July 19, to greet the masses of fans gathered there, the fight was on to get a



Angelina Jolie arrives at the Film Premiere of "Salt" in Hollywood, Calif. on Monday, July 19, 2010.

photo with the beautiful pair. Genially signing autographs and posing, both Pitt and Jolie

were all smiles.

The duo had left their six children at home for the night, for Philip Noyce's violent CIA spy thriller "Salt" is rated PG-13, but a surprising family member was on hand for the celebration. Jon Voight, Angelina's long-estranged father, walked the red carpet with his son James Haven, Jolie's brother, thus proving that the three have made peace with the past and are all finally getting along as a family.

And speaking of family, at an earlier press event, Jolie explained what made her decide to take on the physically challenging title role of Evelyn Salt.

"I'd just had babies and I'd been at home for a year and

a half when I decided to do 'Salt,'" she recalled. "I felt like it was complex enough and all those wonderful things, but I also knew that it would be really good for me to jump around and get active after that time. It's important to do something that kind of gets you out of yourself, gets you physical and strong."

Also making the glittery scene on the red carpet and at the elaborate after party were Liev Schreiber, Jolie's co-star in the film, his life partner Naomi Watts, and action fans including Antonio Sabato, Jr., Kristin Cavallari, Sharlto Copley, Charlotte Ross, Amber Heard, Gretchen Rossi, Oscar Nunez and Mary Jane Rajskub. □

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Tony Lebouef, who is a deck hand on a boat hired by BP to help with oil skimming operations, sits near the boat after being forced to stay in due to roughweather on July 6, in Cocodrie, Louisiana. The impact of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill was thrown into sharp relief Tuesday, as US data showed rising unemployment in Louisiana and experts warned the disaster could cost up to 100,000 jobs.

US oil spill could destroy 100,000 jobs: experts

WASHINGTON — The impact of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill was thrown into sharp relief Tuesday, as US data showed rising unemployment in Louisiana and experts warned the disaster could cost up to 100,000 jobs.

The US Department of Labor said Louisiana -- among the US states worst hit by the spill -- was one of only five states across the country to see a rise in unemployment last month, with the jobless rate up 0.2 points to seven percent.

While the bayou state's unemployment rate remains well below the national average of 9.5 percent, the data comes amid warnings that a worst-case scenario would see 100,000 jobs lost across the Gulf Coast.

Analysts at Moody's reported that the region could face billions of dollars in lost growth from the spill, depending on whether a recent cap halts the flow of crude.

"Moody's Analytics estimates that nearly 1.2 billion dollars in output and 17,000 jobs will be lost in the Gulf Coast states by the end of this year," the firm said in a report.

"Under a more pessimistic scenario in which the oil spill continues through December and President (Barack) Obama's moratorium on

deepwater drilling is extended until year's end, 7.4 billion dollars in output and over 100,000 jobs would be lost." BP crafted a new plan Tuesday hoping to seal for good the blown-out well that has disgorged oil onto hundreds of miles (kilometers) of coastline, ravaging thousands of livelihoods. □

Stocks are higher as investors digest earnings

By SETH SUTEL
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AP Business Writers

NEW YORK — Stocks rose Tuesday as investors sorted through a mix of earnings numbers and awaited reports from Yahoo Inc. and Apple Inc. after the close.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up more than 60 points in late trading after falling 140 earlier. Other indexes also rose. Volume was extremely light, which helped to exaggerate price moves.

Investors began the day by selling in response to companies' revenue figures that fell short of expectations. Stocks then started drifting higher in afternoon trading, but analysts said they saw no catalyst for the turnaround.

"It's fickle, a summer trading day. There's a lack of demand and lack of supply. It lacks conviction," said Stephen Carl, head of equity trading at The Williams Capital Group.

Trading was expected to be choppy while investors await earnings reports from hundreds



In this photograph taken July 16, 2010, Todd Ingrilli works on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Stocks are set to pull back Tuesday, July 20, as growing corporate profits don't seem to be enough to satisfy investors.

of companies over the next few weeks. So far, investors are not happy with what they're seeing.

Johnson & Johnson's revenue missed expectations following drug recalls, and IBM Corp. said it signed fewer services contracts. Texas Instruments Inc.'s revenue came in line with forecasts but investors were hoping for better. Investors have been focusing on revenue rather than earnings because of

(AP Photo/Craig Ruttle) the link between companies' sales and the economy. If revenue is down because consumers aren't spending, that's a sign that the economy will remain weak for some time.

Leading investment bank Goldman Sachs Group Inc. also reported lower revenue as its trading business was curtailed by the financial markets' difficult spring.

But the earnings news wasn't all bad, and that likely contributed to stocks' move higher.

PepsiCo Inc.'s revenues jumped 40 percent thanks to a deal to buy out its two biggest bottlers, which was showing signs of paying off for the company's U.S. drinks business. Excluding currency fluctuations, Pepsi's earnings per share came in ahead of analysts' expectations.

After the close of trading, Yahoo Inc. and Apple Inc. were reporting their results. If their reports disappointed investors, stocks could be expected to head downward again on Wednesday.

In the last hour, the Dow rose 65.77, or 0.7 percent, to 10,220.20. The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 11.19, or 1 percent, to 1,082.44 and the Nasdaq composite index rose 19.39, or 0.9 percent, to 2,217.62. □

Global advertising spending revised, up 3.5 pct

By DEBORAH YAO,
AP Business Writer

A key advertising forecaster raised its outlook for global ad spending for a third consecutive time as fears of economic stagnation sparked by the European debt crisis didn't seem to affect companies' marketing plans.

Zenith Optimedia, a unit of French ad and marketing giant Publicis Groupe SA, now expects ad spending to grow by 3.5 percent this year to \$447.5 billion. In April, it had expected a 2.2 percent growth for the year. The new forecast was Zenith's third upward revision after six downgrades.

Global ad spending on newspapers will continue to fall but at a decreased pace while the Internet continues to be the fastest growing medium, Zenith said in Monday's report.

Zenith said advertising spending came in stronger than expected in the first half of the year in all regions, but especially in North America and Western Europe. European debt woes and U.S. unemployment haven't put much of a dent in ad spending, as consumer confidence and spending recovered.

Greece and Spain were notable exceptions, where ad spending is forecast to fall by 13.9 percent and 0.7 percent this year, respectively.

While most of Zenith's upgrade centered on North America and Western Europe, ad spending in industrialized nations continues to grow at a slower pace than in developing economies.

In North America, ad spending is projected to increase by 1.3 percent to \$158.5 billion this year, revised from a decline of 1.5 percent. The U.S. is forecast to grow by 1.1 percent, while Canada is seen advancing at a more robust clip of 5.4 percent.

Among mediums, Internet ads are projected to increase the most, up 13 percent to \$61.3 billion this year. But mobile and social media ads are seen growing much faster.

Television attracts the biggest portion of advertising expenditures, at \$177.7 billion, up 6.4 percent this year. Newspapers are seen losing 3 percent of ads, for total spending of \$95.1 billion, while radio ads are forecast to fall by 1.4 percent to \$32 billion. □

SPORTS

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First lady, MLB team up against childhood obesity

By DAVID GINSBURG

AP Sports Writer

BALTIMORE — First lady Michelle Obama showed off her throwing arm Tuesday after making a pitch to Major League Baseball to help her fight childhood obesity.

She announced that MLB and the MLB Players Association will team with the White House in the Let's Move campaign, which promotes exercise and healthy eating for America's youth.

"To the entire MLB Players Association and all 30 players who agreed to be part of the public service advertising campaigns, it just means so much to these kids to see you guys joining in this," Obama said at Oriole Park at Camden yards, home of the Baltimore Orioles.

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First lady Michelle Obama talks with Tampa Bay Rays pitcher David Price, left, and Baltimore Orioles center fielder Adam Jones (10) before the start of a sports clinic with area youths, Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore. Obama was taking part in an event with Major League Baseball and the MLB Players Association that will team up with the White House in the Let's Move campaign, which promotes exercise and healthy eating for America's youth.

Associated Press



New York Knicks' Amare Stoudemire holds up a jersey during a news conference Thursday, July 8, 2010, in New York. The All-Star forward agreed to leave Phoenix for a Knicks team mired in a franchise-worst stretch of nine straight losing seasons.

Associated Press

Contract issues to keep Stoudemire from worlds

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Amare Stoudemire will not play for the United States in next month's world championships because of problems insuring his contract, a damaging blow to the Americans on the day training camp opened. The New York Knicks new forward was expected to be one of the Americans' top players in Turkey, but the team learned of the change of plans Tuesday.

The Knicks asked Stoudemire to pull out Monday night and he understood, though he was looking forward to rejoining the team after playing for the Americans in the 2007 Olympic qualifying tournament.

ESPN.com first reported that Stoudemire might not be available to play in the championships that begin Aug. 28.

Stoudemire has had microfracture knee surgery among his injuries, a major reason Phoenix wouldn't offer him a maximum length contract. The Knicks then gave him a five-year

deal worth nearly \$100 million, even while saying they weren't sure if the contract could be insured.

According to the Knicks, the insurance policy from Stoudemire's contract with the Suns is still in place, but it excludes his surgically repaired left knee. The Knicks have begun working to secure insurance on his new deal, but that hasn't been completed.

Without proper insurance, NBA teams can prevent players from taking part in summer events. With the players who led the Americans to the 2008 Olympics gold medal taking the summer off, USA Basketball was counting on Stoudemire.

Asked about his commitment to playing in the world championships recently while taking questions from the media on Twitter, Stoudemire wrote: "I'm so ready to play for USA. There isn't anything that would stop me from playing for the US." □



This June 23, 2010, file photo shows Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant talking to reporters during exit interviews at the Lakers' basketball practice facility in El Segundo, Calif. Tiger Woods has dropped into a tie with Kobe Bryant as the favorite American sports star. Woods had held the position alone since 2006, but the Los Angeles Lakers guard moved up from fourth last year to grab a share of the top spot, Harris Interactive said Tuesday, July 20, 2010.

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Woods drops into tie with Bryant as favorite star

NEW YORK — Tiger Woods has dropped into a tie with Kobe Bryant as the favorite American sports star.

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Angeles Lakers guard moved up from fourth last year to grab a share of the top spot, Harris Interactive said Tuesday.

LeBron James dropped from third to sixth in the company's survey of 2,227 adults conducted online from June 14-21, before he left Cleveland to sign with Miami. Retired NBA star Michael Jordan fell from second to seventh.

Yankees captain Derek Jeter moved up one spot to third and quarterback Brett Favre went from ninth to fourth. Indianapolis quarterback Peyton Manning was fifth, up from seventh.

New England quarterback Tom Brady, who failed to make the top 10 last year, returned at No. 8, followed by New Orleans quarterback Drew Brees and NASCAR's Dale Earnhardt Jr. NASCAR's Jeff Gordon and St. Louis first baseman Albert Pujols dropped out of the top 10.

Among female athletes, sisters Serena and Venus Williams were 1-2, followed by race car driver Danica Patrick, retired soccer star Mia Hamm and tennis stars Maria Sharapova and Anna Kournikova. □

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Cubs manager Piniella retiring after season

ANDREW SELIGMAN

AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO (AP)—Chicago Cubs manager Lou Piniella announced Tuesday that he will retire at the end of the season, ending an often colorful career that included 18 years in the majors as a player and another 22 as a manager.

The 66-year-old Piniella said he was looking forward to spending more time with his family.

"I've grown to love the city and the fans but at my age it will be time to enter a new phase in my life," Piniella said in a statement released by the team. Announcing his retirement now, Piniella added, gives the team time to find a replacement.

"I'm proud of our accomplishments during my time here and this will be a perfect way for me to end my career," he said. "But let me make one thing perfectly clear: our work is far from over. I want to keep the momentum going more than anything else and win as many games as we can to get back in this pennant race."

Piniella is in the fourth and final year of his contract with the Cubs. After leading the Cubs to consecutive

NL Central titles in 2007-08, Piniella and his team missed the playoffs last year and have struggled again this season with a new owner, the Ricketts family, in charge. The Cubs have gone 102 years without a World Series title.

Piniella led the New York Yankees (1986-88), Cincinnati (1990-92), Seattle (1993-2002) and Tampa Bay (2003-05) before arriving in Chicago. He won the World Series as a manager with Cincinnati after winning two as a player (1977-78, Yankees). A right-handed outfielder, Piniella was the AL Rookie of the Year in 1969 after batting .282, 11 home runs and 68 RBIs with the Royals. He was traded to the Yankees in 1973 and ended his playing career with New York in 1984.

Piniella trails only Tony La Russa, Bobby Cox and Joe Torre in victories among active managers. His World Series title with the Reds in 1990 was the first for the team since 1976. Piniella was at perhaps his most successful as manager of the Mariners, piling up 840 wins and four postseason appearances in 10 years.

The Cubs brought in the

This March 10, 2010, file photo shows Chicago Cubs manager Lou Piniella during a spring training baseball game, in Mesa, Ariz. Piniella is going to retire at the end of the season. Piniella announced his decision Tuesday, July 20, 2010, before a game against the Astros. The 66-year-old manager says he is looking forward to spending more time with his family.

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fiery Piniella in 2006 to replace Dusty Baker. They knew he was demanding and occasionally combustible — especially in arguments with umpires — but liked his track record of winning. He agreed to a three-year contract worth nearly \$10 million, with an option for a fourth year, after spending time in the TV booth.

Piniella had become frustrated in his previous stop at Tampa Bay in 2005 when he didn't get the personnel improvements he thought he needed. He quickly won over the rabid Cubs fans by guiding the team to 85 wins in 2007 — a 19-game improvement from 2006. The Cubs won 97 games the next year.

Last season and this season have not been as good for Piniella and the Cubs. Through Monday, the team was 10½ games out of first place in the NL Central. □



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Texas Rangers' Nelson Cruz hits a two-run home run against the Detroit Tigers in the 14th inning of a MLB baseball game in Detroit, Monday, July 19, 2010. Texas won 8-6.

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DETROIT (AP) — Nelson Cruz's two-run homer in the 14th inning gave the Texas Rangers an 8-6 win over the Detroit Tigers in an American League game Monday that was marred by two injuries. The Tigers lost their sixth straight game despite two home runs from Miguel

Cabrera, while the Rangers won for the first time in 12 attempts in Detroit. The game had a scary moment in the sixth inning when Rangers reliever Dustin Nippert was hit in the head by Austin Jackson's line drive. The ball landed in left field for a double as Texas players and

AL Roundup

Cruz homer lifts Rangers over Tigers in 14TH inning

staff raced toward the mound. Nippert quickly sat up and walked off the field under his own power.

Detroit lost third baseman Brandon Inge for 4-6 weeks with a broken hand when he was hit by a pitch from Scott Feldman in the third.

Texas' Matt Harrison (2-1) got out of a bases-loaded, one-out jam in the bottom of the 11th. Cruz finally ended it with a shot just inside the right-field pole off Enrique Gonzalez (0-1).

In Oakland, Daisuke Matsuzaka pitched two-hit ball into the seventh inning as Boston edged Oakland.

Matsuzaka (7-3) has won consecutive starts after going more than a month without a win.

Adrian Beltre homered in the fourth inning as the Red Sox got off to a strong start on their 10-game West Coast

road trip.

Oakland starter Ben Sheets (4-9) put together another solid outing, allowing two runs in 6 2-3 innings but the A's five-game winning streak was ended.

Boston's Jonathan Papelbon pitched a perfect ninth for his 21st save in 24 opportunities.

Indians 10, Twins 4

In Minneapolis, Trevor Crowe drove in two runs and had a career-high four hits among Cleveland's season-high 20 as the Indians beat Minnesota.

Crowe and Jason Donald both drove in two runs to help the Indians start the second half of the season 5-0 for the first time in history.

Minnesota starter Scott Baker (7-9) surrendered 10 hits in 4 2-3 innings.

Cleveland's Aaron Laffey (2-3) took the win for a revived Indians outfit that was coming off a four-game sweep of

Detroit.

Royals 5, Blue Jays 4, 10 innings

In Kansas City, Alberto Callaspo's RBI single with two outs in the 10th inning helped Kansas City edge Toronto and snap a six-game losing streak.

Toronto had taken a 5-4 lead in the top of the inning when Fred Lewis scored on Jose Bautista's single off Kyle Farnsworth (3-0).

Scott Podsednik led off the bottom of the 10th with a triple and scored on Jason Kendall's sacrifice fly to tie it.

Blue Jays closer Kevin Gregg (0-4) suffered his third blown save in 25 opportunities. With two outs, he walked Billy Butler and Jose Guillen, then Callaspo singled up the middle to win it.

In Seattle, Alex Rios hit a go-ahead, two-run homer and had three RBIs as Chicago beat Seattle to rebound from perhaps their toughest defeat of the season.

The White Sox blew a three-run lead in ninth inning of a 7-6 loss at Minnesota on Sunday to suffer their third straight loss.

Chicago starter Daniel Hudson (1-0) struck out a career-high six while allowing one run in 6 2-3 innings, as the White Sox increased their lead in the AL Central to a season-high 2½ games over Detroit and Minnesota.

The Mariners fell to 21 games under .500 (36-57), equaling their season low.

With the game tied 1-1 and one on, Rios hit homered off David Pauley (0-2). It was his 16th of the season and the 100th of his seven-year career. Pauley allowed eight hits in six innings.

In other AL games it was Tampa Bay 8, Baltimore 1; Texas 8, Detroit 6, 14 innings; Cleveland 10, Minnesota 4; Kansas City 5, Toronto 4, 10 innings; Boston 2, Oakland 1; and Chicago White Sox 6, Seattle 1. □



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Fedrigio denies Armstrong Tour de France stage win

NAOMI KOPPEL

Associated Press Writer

PAU, France (AP) — Lance Armstrong lost a sprint finish and watched his chances of a glorious stage win in his final Tour de France slip away on Tuesday.

He came in sixth in a sprint that was won by Pierrick Fedrigio of France, ahead of his compatriot Sandy Casar and Ruben Plaza of Spain.

"It was harder than I expected. It's been a while since I sprinted," Armstrong said. "Just not quick enough."

Armstrong had joined the first break of the day and remained ahead of the peloton for the entire length of the 16th stage — the toughest in this year's Tour — that included four major climbs including that of the famed Col du Tourmalet.

The leaders finished the grueling

124 miles from Bagneres-de-Luchon to Pau in 5 hours, 31 minutes, 43 seconds, but the stragglers were some 32 minutes behind.

It was the third successive French victory in this year's race and the sixth in total.

"It was my day. Everything smiled on me," said Fedrigio, who also won a stage in 2009 and 2006 and has appeared regularly in the breakaways of this year's race. "This shows that it isn't only the great leaders who can win on the Tour de France, it's also the general riders."

There was no change in the overall standings in the race. Yellow jersey holder Alberto Contador of Spain crossed the line in the peloton along with his closest challenger, Andy Schleck of Luxembourg, after Contador's strong Astana team packed the front of the



Stage winner Pierrick Fedrigio of France, Christopher Horner of the US, Ruben Plaza Molina of Spain, Christophe Moreau of France, and Lance Armstrong of the US, from left to right, sprint towards the finish line of the 16th stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 124 miles with start in Bagneres-de-Luchon and finish in Pau, Pyrenees region, France, Tuesday, July 20, 2010.

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"Your voice means so much more to them than anything we could say."

After the formalities, dressed casually in a print top, white pants and sneakers, Obama joined members of the Orioles and Tampa Bay Rays in a clinic for kids from local baseball teams. Obama participated in all three stations for about a half-hour, playing catch, throwing grounders and shouting encouragement to the children.

Obama showed she knows her way around a baseball field.

Before the session, she threw a few pitches in the bullpen to Tampa Bay ace David Price and was clearly pleased with her performance. Then, after joining the kids on the field, Obama displayed her defensive prowess, deftly deflecting a high throw from one of the youngsters that was headed toward her face.

Price said the first lady's pitching arm isn't bad.

"She tried her own conventional grip and didn't really throw it where she was trying to," Price said. "Then she tried the four-seam grip, which we're all teaching, and she threw it much better. She did well."

Obama was to return in the evening to take part in the first-pitch ceremony before the Orioles faced the Rays.

The Let's Move campaign,

according to Obama, is designed to end childhood obesity "so that kids grow up healthier to pursue their dreams." By adding Major League Baseball to the program, Obama hopes to reach a broader audience through 30 public service announcements featuring players from each team.

The first lady of baseball, Sue Selig, wife of MLB commissioner Bud Selig, thanked Obama "for bringing childhood obesity to the forefront and bringing it national attention."

Minutes before the news conference began, a few rain drops fell from the sky. By the time Obama was introduced, the clouds parted and the sun bore down on the field.

"Kids, I know you are hot out there, (but) truly this is all about you," Obama said. "Everything we are doing is because of you and it's important for you to know that. ... The truth is lots of kids just aren't getting enough healthy foods and they aren't getting enough exercise."

Former big leaguer Tony Clark, now director of player relations for the MLBPA, said, "Major leaguers are looking forward to working closely with the first lady and Let's Move to find ways to educate children and their parents about how to exercise, eat right and make healthy lifestyle choices."

"As a parent, I know firsthand the challenges facing kids. I



Tampa Bay Rays pitcher David Price, left, talks with first lady Michelle Obama before the start of a baseball clinic with area youths and members of the Baltimore Orioles and Rays baseball teams, Tuesday, July 20, 2010, at Oriole Park at Camden Yards in Baltimore.

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understand the powerful lure of television, cell phones, computers and video games. However, it's time for all of us — kids and parents alike — to get unplugged and get off the couch."

Pointing toward Price and Orioles outfielder Adam Jones, Obama told the children: "When these players were kids they found a spot that they loved. And they practiced and practiced and practiced until they were better at it than anybody else. And we want you guys to do the same thing. That's why we are here." □

peloton on the climb up the Col d'Aubisque and prevented Schleck from attacking.

Schleck had been furious with Contador after Monday's stage because he felt the Spaniard should have waited when Schleck suffered a mechanical problem during the main climb of the day. Contador surged ahead and took the yellow jersey at the end of the stage.

Contador later apologized, and on Tuesday the two came together on the stage of the French broadcaster and shook hands.

"We are fine now," Schleck said. "The Tour de France isn't going to be won by eight seconds, and there's going to be a big race

between him and me the day after tomorrow."

Wednesday is a rest day in the Tour, but on Thursday the racers will turn around and ride the Pyrenees in the other direction, ending on the top of the Col du Tourmalet.

Thor Hushovd of Norway achieved a coup on his contenders for the top sprinter crown. While the green jersey of Alessandro Petacchi and three-time stage winner Mark Cavendish trailed along at the back on a stage that was a big struggle for them, Hushovd made it to the front of the peloton, finishing in 10th place and picking up enough points to retake the sprinter's jersey. □

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NL Roundup

Cardinals power surge sinks Phillies 8-4

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Albert Pujols' two-run homer in the fifth inning began a barrage of four long balls in a span of six at-bats as the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Philadelphia Phillies 8-4 in the National League on Monday.

Pujols hit his 22nd homer and first since the All-Star break for a 5-4 lead. Pujols also doubled and had a run-scoring groundout.

Rookie Allen Craig added his first career homer and Skip Schumaker also went long in a five-run fifth. Randy Winn then led off the sixth with a homer.

The four-homer game tied a season best for the NL Central leaders, who have won a season-high six straight and are a season-best 11 games over .500 (52-41).

St. Louis' Blake Hawksworth (4-5) survived a rocky start to take the win while Phillies starter Kyle Kendrick (5-4) surrendered seven runs in five innings, coughing up a 4-2 lead.

Giants 5, Dodgers 2

In Los Angeles, Nate Schierholtz hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning for San Francisco, keeping Los Angeles winless since the All-Star break.

The Giants' 10th win in their past 12 games moved them past Colorado into second place in the NL West.

The Dodgers have lost five straight since the break. They dominated the Giants in the first half, winning five of six, including a three-game sweep last month in San Francisco.



St. Louis Cardinals' Allen Craig (8), Albert Pujols (5) and Skip Schumaker (55) celebrate their team's victory over the Philadelphia Phillies in a baseball game, Monday, July 19, 2010 in St. Louis. The Cardinals beat the Phillies 8-4 to extend their season-long winning streak to six games.

San Francisco starter Madison Bumgarner (3-2) allowed two runs in 5 2-3 innings. Los Angeles loaded the bases with two outs in the ninth but Brian Wilson struck out Casey Blake to end it.

The Dodgers recalled James McDonald (0-1) from the minors to make his first appearance this season. He gave up four runs in five innings.

Marlins 9, Rockies 8

In Miami, pinch-hitter Donnie Murphy hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning to lift Florida over Colorado.

It was the fifth lead change in the game. Colorado starter Ubaldo Jimenez departed after 5 1-3 innings — his shortest outing of the season — having given up six runs and with his team trailing. But Jonathan Herrera hit his first career homer to put the Rockies ahead 8-7 in the eighth inning.

Rockies closer Huston

Street (1-2) retired the first two batters in the ninth but Dan Uggla walked and Murphy — batting for only the fourth time this season — homered for the winner. Florida's Jhan Marinez (1-0) earned his first major league win.

Reds 7, Nationals 2

In Cincinnati, Johnny Cueto pitched six innings around a rain delay and drove home two runs to lead Cincinnati over Washington.

Cueto (9-2) had a two-run single and Jonny Gomes and Miguel Cairo added solo homers.

Washington's J.D. Martin (1-5) walked three in the second. Drew Stubbs had a two-run double, and Cueto followed with his first RBIs of the season.

Over his past six starts, Cueto has a 1.16 ERA. Diamondbacks 13, Mets 2 In Phoenix, New York starter Mike Pelfrey lasted only 1 1-3 innings as Arizona turned on the power.

Pelfrey (10-5) threw 74 pitches, 51 in the first inning, in the shortest outing of his career.

He allowed six runs.

After a strong start to the season, he is 1-4 with 9.11 ERA in his past six starts. Pelfrey is 0-5 in six career starts against the Diamondbacks.

Mark Reynolds drove in four runs with a triple and his 21st home run as Arizona amassed a season-high 18 hits.

Dbacks starter Ian Kennedy (5-7) gave up one run through five innings.

Astros 11, Cubs 5

In Chicago, Jason Castro hit a three-run homer and Carlos Lee had a two-run double in Houston's five-run first inning that set up a big win over Chicago.

Astros starter Wandy Rodriguez (7-11) gave up five runs in six innings but earned the win as Houston had a season-high 11 runs and 17 hits.

Carlos Silva's slide continued after a good start to the season. The Chicago starter was tagged for five runs in one inning. In his past two starts, Silva (9-4) he has allowed 11 runs over 2 1-3 innings.

The Cubs, who are 15-26 against NL Central divisional opponents.

Brewers 3, Pirates 1

In Pittsburgh, Prince Fielder and Rickie Weeks hit home runs for the second consecutive game for Milwaukee, overcoming Pittsburgh.

Weeks homered for the third time in two days to extend his club record for homers by a second baseman to 18. Fielder took over sole possession of the NL home run lead with his 23rd.

Milwaukee's Chris Capuano (1-1) won for the first time in more than three years. He ended a franchise record 13-game losing streak, allowing one run and only one walk in five innings. Capuano missed the past two seasons recovering from Tommy John surgery. Milwaukee won despite only three hits and four baserunners.

Pittsburgh starter Jeff Karstens (2-5) only allowed three baserunners during his six innings — but all of them scored.

In other NL games it was Milwaukee 3, Pittsburgh 1; St. Louis 8, Philadelphia 4; Florida 9, Colorado 8; Cincinnati 7, Washington 2; Houston 11, Chicago Cubs 5; Arizona 13, N.Y. Mets 2; and San Francisco 5, L.A. Dodgers 2. □

Corey Schultz & John Wicklein are wed



Palm Beach – Chicagoites Corey Schultz & John Wicklein tied the knot at the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa this weekend, surrounded by 31 family members and friends.

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Last evening at Café de Plaza

World Cup Dutch Players honored as Ambassadors of Aruba

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ORANJESTAD – Dutch Soccer superstars Arjen Robben, Dirk Kuyt, Mark van Bommel and Andre Ooijer gladly accepted an invitation from Aruba's Prime Minister to come to the island and relax



after their winning streak that ended in the FIFA Soccer World Cup Sub Champion title in South Africa on Sunday, July 11 for the team of The Netherlands.

The athletes and their families have been enjoying the island's hospitality for a few days now and the Dutch team members hosted a meet and greet event yesterday at Café de Plaza at Renaissance Marketplace in Oranjestad together with the Aruba Tourism Authority and



Aruba Prime Minister Mike Eman's Government. The Government of Aruba presented the Ambassador of Goodwill title to three of the

athletes who have enjoyed previous vacations on the island and have returned now to relax from the World Cup.

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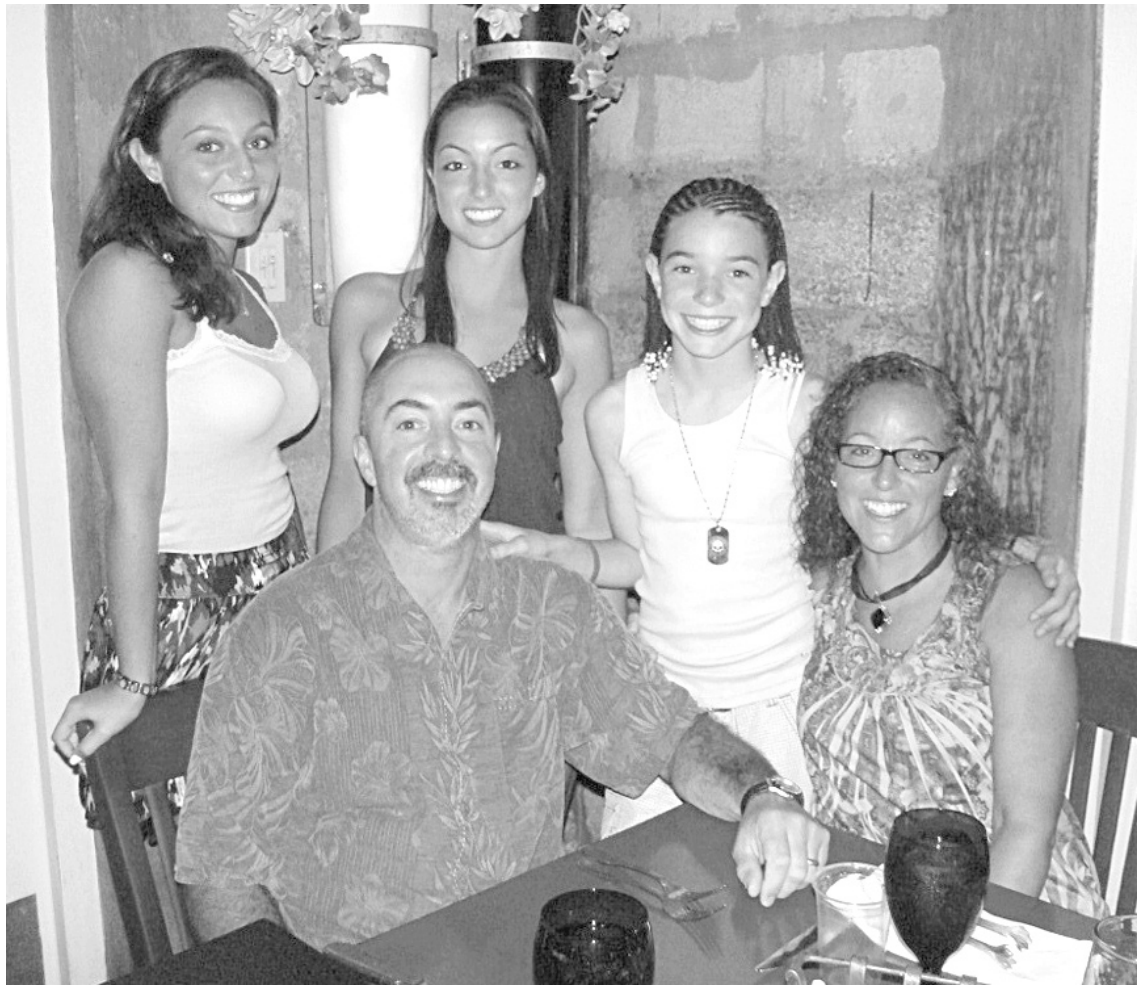
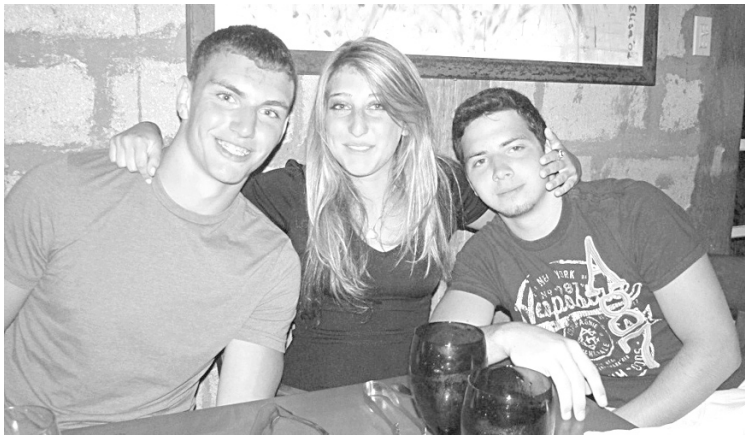
exciting and action packed destination wedding loaded with tropical fun, including a casual cocktail reception at the Mira Solo Martini Bar, a wedding banquet on the resort pool deck and Champagne Brunch at the Sunset Grille on Sunday.

Pictured here, some unforgettable party moments beach side, immediately after the sunset blessing ceremony



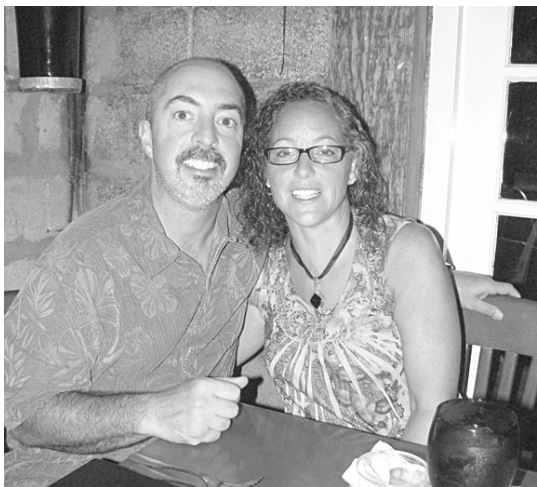
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Amazonia Churrascaria entertains families on festive occasions



Palm Beach – Local resident Gladys de Cuba, celebrated her birthday surrounded by family members kids, husband and in-laws, at Amazonia Churrascaria. Stephen & Wanda Carpinello who marked their 20th wedding anniversary in the company of their three daughters, also toasting to the birthday of their youngest one, were surrounded

by friends, the Tirella's, and the Cappuccis, as they dined at Amazonia Churrascaria. The party stayed at Marriot Aruba Resort, some for the first time, as part of the Harrison High School group, and wholeheartedly recommended the restaurant experience following a tremendous Saturday evening affair. □





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Restaurateurs Rosangel Diaz Manvitt and Lisbeth Gonzalez Capriles own the original Hoshi Sushi, in Maracay, a city in central Venezuela. They have been successful there -- Hoshi Sushi & Bar is celebrating its 4th anniversary in Maracay, creating a fusion of flavors and tastes, and interpreting classic recipes in their own personal style. They are now importing that concept to Aruba to the recently opened and brand new Palm Beach Mall.

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Roseangel, in charge of the dining room service and customer relations and Lisbeth, chief of all kitchen, purchasing and marketing affairs, consider their business an extension of their personalities, and it shows.

The marble floors, the granite bar tops, the ceramic wall ornaments, the wood work and upholstery, in ebony, tangerine, and white complements the large size wooden Buddha at the door, the tasteful signage, the classy restrooms, and the branding of the logo presentation. Diners will find Hoshi Sushi & Bar stylish and attractive, it also delivers a lounge experience outside on the wraparound terrace, and catering and delivery services are available. □

Aruba's Steven Max double champion in Santo Domingo



ORANJESTAD-After seeing Steven Max performing on the water in Cabarete (DR), winning 1st place in both the Slalom and in the freestyle categories under 15, all the Cabarete Classic windsurf competitors now want to come to Aruba to see how and where this 12 year old learned to windsurf as well as he does.

The yearly international competition, the Cabarete Classic, was again very successful with windsurfers who came to compete from many countries worldwide, like Canada, USA, Argentina, Venezuela, France, Germany, England, Switzerland, Bonaire, Curacao and Aruba. Steven Max represented Aruba and successfully defended his Freestyle windsurfing title three years in a row. In Slalom under 15 he flew over the choppy seas, many times finishing more than a leg ahead of everyone else.

During the long Distance race, held on Sunday, they last day of the competition, kite boarders and windsurfers battled it out on the open seas, racing along the coast, wanting to find out who's fastest. The windsurfer from Argentina, Diego Dominiani winning 1st place in the end. Steven Max, youngest competitor competing during the Long distance race and finishing in the first top 5 windsurfers, astonished everyone with this great accomplishment. He was praised during the award

ceremony and asked to help give away a harness to one of the young windsurfing kids. The number four ranked PWA Pro-Freestyle champion Philip Soltysiak from Canada joined the fun this year, challenging the local hero and defending champion Federico Arias Jilo, better known as "Chivo". After a grueling double elimination



run Philip managed to take the number one spot in the Open class, Chivo second place and Fernando Garcia a close third. Steven got some really strong competition from Luis Miguel

Perez and Denny Miguel, two up and coming freestylers, but managed in the end to take home 1st place, Luis Perez second and Denny Miguel third in the under 15 category. Next Steven Max is going to the IFCA Freestyle Prokids

world championship in Bonaire, where from the 28th of July until the 1st of August 2010 he will have to defend his title of world champion under 13, the third year in row. Overall results can e found on the cabaret-classic website. □



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an emotional escape from our Robot Routines.

This is certainly true for 2012, so prepare yourselves for an oncoming onslaught of 2012 movies, predictions, news stories, internet, and rest assured, they will be all fear-based. By the time 12/21/12 arrives, most people on earth will be focused on it with uncertain anticipation.

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Mystery behind this date will inundate all levels of human consciousness across the planet. Imagine the force field of Human Thought this will create.

Basically, Earth will be involved in many different astral alignments all coming together at once, creating one big alignment made up of alignments. That exact day is also when the Earth's magnetic shift is due to happen, and no one knows how it will happen, or what effects it will have on Earth and her Life.

The mayan calendar does not end on that day. The prophecy says that after that date, we will not be able to recognize who we once were. This will be a spiritual awakening, as the astral alignments become more conducive to higher frequency expression on Earth.

In all likelihood, nothing will happen and life will more or less continue as expected. The big difference will be that, after 12/21/12, we will have greater access

to higher-dimensional frequencies, and we will have more direct control over our three dimensional lives. Profound thoughts will flow. Problems and conflicts will be solved with Grace. We will not gravitate toward fear so naturally.

Astral alignments create a confluence, a joining of many different vibrational frequencies, many different paths to follow. We will all have many options and opportunities. All that is required of you in these amazing, dynamic moments, is to be yourself. You will make all the decisions that are exactly right for you. There is no test. We are not being subject to a galactic assay which will determine our level of spiritual existence for all eternity. Just be comfortable with yourself, and you'll be fine.

The effects of these astral alignments won't take hold overnight. The energies have been building for thousands of earth years, and they will now unfold in cycles of time. The moments before and after any event are the most energetically focused and poignant. These are the "tween" moments, the moments during a change. Dusk and dawn have long been considered very

powerful spiritual times of the day.

Don't get caught up in fear, especially if it overwhelms the planet.

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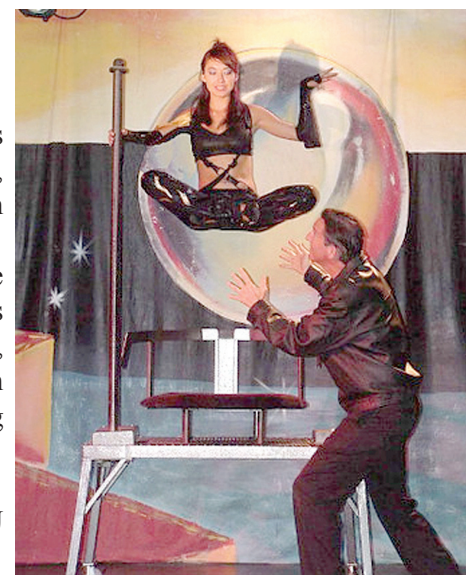
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Minister of Tourism Otmar Oduber assisted the Prime Minister in the presentation of the Dutch Soccer players to the public of Aruba before one of Aruba's most popular band Tsunami played for the fans till late hours. □

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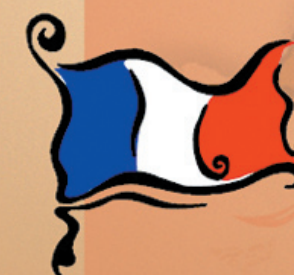
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Jack and Jill are friends. Jack owes money to nearly everyone in the neighborhood. Because of Jack's financial problems he has no credit. Jack's friend, Jill always pays her bills, therefore owes no money. However, Jill uses her credit cards to pay her debts. Because Jill seems to have great credit, companies keep sending her more credit cards. Jill has even started paying her credit card bills using new credit cards. Jill appears to be better off financially than her friend Jack, who lives from paycheck to paycheck. Both handle their debts differently, but both have the same problem, spending more money than they earn. There is a growing medical problem like that. Symbolically Jack and Jill represent individuals who are not choosing the food and lifestyles that promote health. For example, Jack, the friend with the bad credit is like people who acquire type 2 diabetes. In Type 2 Diabetes, glucose does not enter the cells where it can be converted to necessary energy for the body. Instead the glucose (a basic sugar) starts building piling up in the blood, like increasing bad debts. I say debts, because there are consequences with diabetes that eventually need to be paid. Consequences of Diabetes include: Heart Disease and Stroke, Nerve Damage, Eye Disease, Erectile Dysfunction, Kidney Disease, and Stomach Damage. The list goes on. Everybody knows how devastating bad credit and diabetes can be. Meanwhile, Jill looks like she is the picture of financial health; but, appearances can be deceiving. Jill is like many

Managing your Debt

By: Dr Carlos Viana

people that are happy that her blood tests always show a "normal" amount of glucose. Phew! No diabetes. But some people's bodies are actually managing their high blood glucose levels by producing more and more insulin. In these individuals, high glucose appears to be balanced because of high insulin. However, normalizing glucose at the expense of producing high amounts of insulin is like paying for your health with maxed out credit cards. Eventually, the credit will dry up and the debt that must be paid can be disastrous. Produced in your pancreas, insulin is the bus that helps glucose travel into your cells where this sugar gets converted into energy. If the bus is full, it can't pick up any more glucose. A full Insulin Bus is like blocked like credit cards that have reached their limit. Consequently, your pancreas, sensing an increase in glucose in your blood produces more and more insulin. This is called Insulin Resistance. An increasingly high blood insulin level, hyperinsulemia causes several problems: one of them is high blood pressure. Insulin also causes the retention of sodium (salt), which causes fluid retention, which causes high blood pressure and congestive heart failure. A recent study showed that overweight children with high levels of insulin in their blood are also likely to have high levels of homocysteine, a substance which appears to raise the risk of heart disease,

stroke, and birth defects. Osteoporosis is another potential problem resulting from insulin resistance. Insulin is a master hormone which controls other hormones such as growth hormone, testosterone, and progesterone. Bone is built upon the command of such hormones. When these hormones are reduced, bone building is reduced. Insulin also increases cellular growth. More insulin helps grow more cells, even cancer. There are studies which show a strong connection to breast and colon cancers with high insulin levels. High levels of insulin may be caused by a tumor of the pancreas, impaired liver function, or endocrine disorders. Vigorous and sustained exercise, pregnancy, breastfeeding, or eating the wrong food for your metabolic type are all causes of an insulin/glucose imbalance. Among diabetics, hyperinsulinism is known as insulin shock, or hypoglycemia, and may occur as a result of treating themselves with an accidental overdose of insulin. In individuals with normal glucose, but with high insulin levels, the glucose is there in the blood, but hiding behind all the excess insulin. Hidden sugar, like hiding your debts in mounting credit card debts are big problems waiting to happen. Your pancreas, after years of having to overproduce insulin, revolts and stops producing any insulin; the diagnosis then becomes Type 2 Diabetes. Blood test results

that measure both fasting blood glucose levels together with insulin are entered into a formula that can determine the amount of insulin resistance a person has. Checking blood glucose only, without checking insulin cannot show if your body is balanced. Your doctor should always check insulin together with glucose and use a medical ratio to assess your Insulin Resistance risk.

Although, medical researchers have studied and known about Insulin Resistance for years, conditions that do not have a specific pharmaceutical drug or surgical treatment are not routinely screened by medical doctors. The symptoms of Insulin Resistance are so varied and include, fatigue, brain fogginess, dizziness, problems sleeping, headaches, depression, stomach problems, pain, allergies, high cholesterol, high blood pressure and so many more that the symptoms are usually treated separately and not looked at as one part of the same problem. Like Jack and Jill's money problems, many of the problems listed here come from the same beginnings. Insulin Resistance is a predictor of many health problems to come, especially Type 2 Diabetes.

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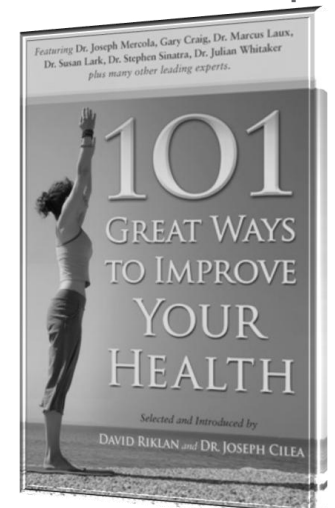
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AIDS: Fewer than 10 percent of drug users get help



Hundreds of used syringes lie in a bin at the office of an NGO run by People Living with HIV and AIDS in Churachandpur in 2008. Fewer than 10 percent of injecting drug users (IDUs) get practical help to prevent them from spreading HIV to others, according to research presented at the world AIDS conference on Tuesday.

VIENNA (AFP) – Fewer than 10 percent of injecting drug users (IDUs) get practical help to prevent them from spreading HIV to others, according to research presented at the world AIDS conference on Tuesday.

Of the roughly 16 million IDUs around the world, some three million have the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), although the tally could be as high as 6.6

million, it said.

By being marginalised and criminalised, this group can become a major vector for spreading HIV through shared use of syringes or through prostitution to feed a drug habit, it said.

Only five percent of all IDUs have access to a programme where they can swap used syringes for sterile ones, according to a study led by Louisa Degenhardt of the

National Drug and Alcohol Research Centre at the University of New South Wales, Australia.

Only eight percent have safer, legal substitutes such as methadone to opiate drugs like heroin.

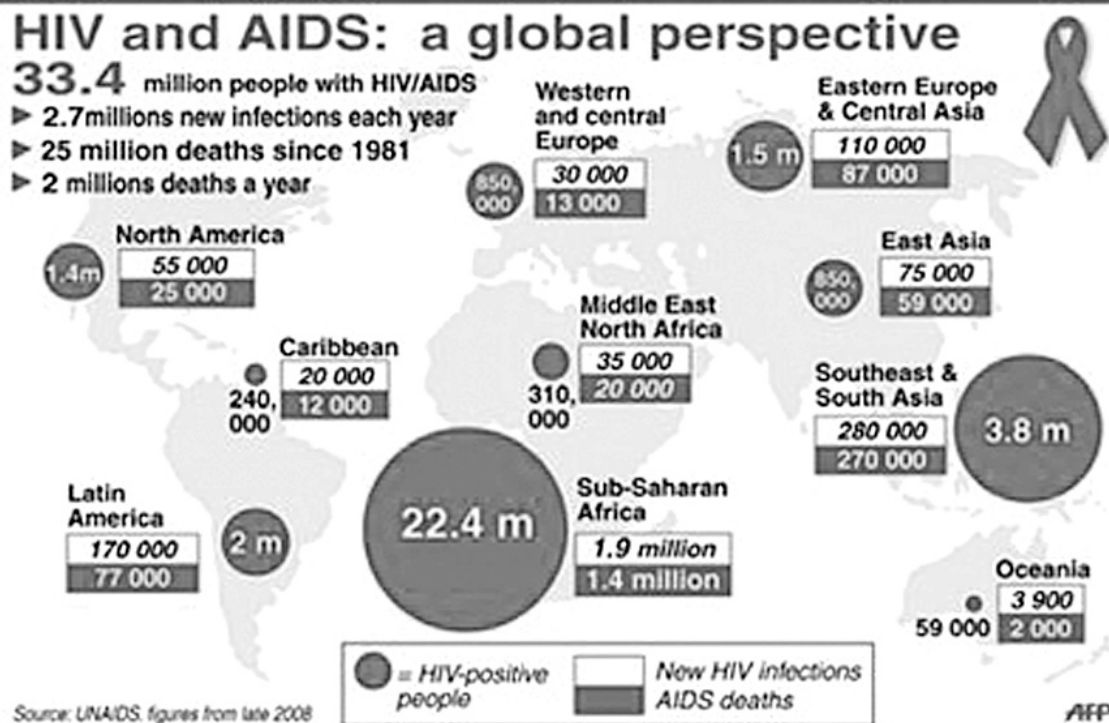
And only four percent of IDUs with HIV receive antiretroviral drugs, which

can repress blood levels of the virus to such low levels that the risk of contaminating others can be slashed by more than 90 percent.

These are the most effective techniques to help drug users to return to good health, wean themselves off their addiction and reduce their risk to others, according to the papers,

which were also published by the British journal The Lancet. Combined, these practices can help reduce HIV prevalence among drug users by more than half, investigators have found.

The studies were presented at the 18th International AIDS Conference in Vienna, which has swung a spotlight on the



Map showing the incidence of AIDS and HIV around the world. Colourful, creative and a little bit crazy: the fight against AIDS can be all that as activists demonstrated Tuesday at the Global Village on the sidelines of the World AIDS Conference in Vienna.

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More than two-thirds of them live in Russia, which combined with Ukraine accounts for more than 90 percent of the region's infections.

More than 33 million people have HIV, two-thirds of whom live in sub-Saharan Africa, where the pandemic is driven especially by sexual intercourse.

Last year UNAIDS said 19 percent of resources needed for preventing HIV should be earmarked for IDUs, but as little as one percent was allocated this way. □



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Boost jobs or cut the deficit? US can do both

By David R. Francis

Washington's "twin deficit" problem – a huge jobs deficit and a massive budget deficit – poses challenges never before faced by the United States.

And the biggest challenge, notes Allen Sinai, head of the consulting firm Decision Economics, is how to grow the economy faster to lower the jobless rate while reducing the growing budget deficit.

There are hundreds of ideas. On June 30, some 90 people suggested solutions before President Obama's bipartisan National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform – four minutes per individual or organization. "People really care about this issue," says Fred Baldassaro, commission spokesman.

Mr. Sinai proposes that Congress and the administration engage "the best minds" to find ways to limit spending through greater efficiency measures. "Everything should be on the table," he adds, including:

- Shrinking the federal government, possibly including the number of departments. The federal apparatus, he says, is the only major business that has not gone through a "major restructuring" of the type big corporations have accomplished.
- Imposing a tiny tax on financial transactions, such as stock and mutual fund sales and purchases. Depending on details, this could raise \$100 billion a year. According to his computerized model of the economy, such a tax would have only a minimal dampening effect on the economy.
- Using these extra revenues to trim the Social Security tax on payrolls. This, Sinai maintains, would encourage business to hire new employees. By shrinking the number of jobless, it would revive the economy in a way that would gradually boost revenues to offset the lost revenues.

• Ending the "carried interest" tax loophole that enables hedge funds to characterize earnings as low-taxed capital gains rather than regular income. It would raise another \$25 billion to \$40 billion a year.

These suggestions would thread the policy needle: cutting spending without sacrificing growth, says Sinai, whose 1,000-equation model of the economy predicted in 2006 the bursting of the housing bubble and also forecast the Great Recession and subsequent revival.

Federal, state, and local governments can be made more cost-effective by reducing the many redundancies among them, says economic consultant Gail Fosler, former head of the business-backed Conference Board. She also calls for using more market approaches and private choices to substitute for government services.

"There is a tremendous opportunity to bring innovation to the actual provision of these services," she says, calling for "drastic solutions" to a public deficit larger than any since World War II.

The seriousness of the budget deficit has won more and more attention. Mr. Obama on June 30 spoke of "running the credit card in the name of future generations." But he made no specific proposals for cutting the deficit. The latest Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimate is that public debt will rise from 62 percent of gross domestic product this year to 84 percent by 2040. "Unsustainable," the nonpartisan body says.

The difficulty of taming the deficit arises in part from the recession. Another factor is the aging of the US population. This adds especially to the cost of Medicare and Medicaid. Aging, says the CBO, is "the most important driver of spending growth over the next several decades." Lawmakers face the delicate task of tackling the deficit without cutting off a weak recovery.

After Gulf oil spill, Obama plans better use of oceans

Long after the last oil seeps from the BP spill, the eco-disaster in the Gulf is bound to change the way Americans take responsibility for the oceans. President Obama made a start Monday by ordering 22 agencies with ocean responsibilities to become better stewards of the marine environment.

In particular, he endorsed the idea of zoning the national's coastal seas (and Great Lakes) or the roping off of areas for such diverse uses as sport fishing, oil drilling, shipping, and underwater parks.

This "marine spatial planning" will be done in nine regions but coordinated by a new National Ocean Council. The aim is to minimize often-conflicting demands and improve the eco-systems.

One lesson from the BP spill was that the federal agency overseeing offshore drilling, the Minerals Management Service (MMS), was too focused on helping the industry extract oil and gas while downplaying protection of the environment. This new planning should provide better balance in locating drilling sites and saving vulnerable areas. The idea is already active in three coastal states, Oregon, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. And Scientific American magazine recently referred to it as one of "20 World Changing Ideas."

But like zoning for land use, marine spatial planning is controversial. It forces government to restrict commercial or recreational activities based on estimates of sustaining always-changing marine areas. Ocean scientists often differ on the effects of human actions, and the concept of sustainability can sometimes be fuzzy.

At best though, the planning would end the idea of managing oceans one use at a time with little or no integration with other uses. A good example for the need for such planning is the increased plans for offshore wind farms.

Whether the federal government can maintain such planning over time remains to be seen. The initial proposal was amended after complaints from the fishing and ocean recreation lobby. Now the presidential's order refers to those activities as critical

The petroleum industry, despite the BP spill and earlier spills, claims it has a good record of working compatibly with other marine uses. That may be true, but the major damage from the occasional spill should require the industry to help pay for better management of ocean areas. A bill in Congress would dedicate 10 percent of offshore oil revenues to do just that. □

Venezolano Chávez dice tomará acciones TV Globovisión

CARACAS (Reuters) - El presidente venezolano, Hugo Chávez, dijo el martes que su Gobierno tomará más del 40 por ciento de las acciones del canal opositor Globovisión y que nombrará en los próximos días a un representante en su junta directiva.

Un porcentaje de acciones del canal son propiedad del Banco Federal, institución que fue intervenida recientemente por problemas de liquidez, según dijeron autoridades financieras del país.

Globovisión, que mantiene una férrea línea editorial contra el Gobierno, salió al paso de las declaraciones más tarde a través de un comunicado, donde explicó que los accionistas "no pueden designar a miembros de la junta directiva de



Foto de archivo del presidente de Venezuela, Hugo Chávez, durante una reunión del partido Socialista en Caracas, jul 14 2010. REUTERS/Miraflores Palace/Handout

manera individual", según los estatutos de la empresa.

"En los próximos días la junta interventora está obligada, a

designar un representante en la junta directiva de Globovisión porque ahora tenemos 25,8 por ciento de las acciones y eso da

derecho a un representante en la junta directiva", dijo Chávez en un acto transmitido por la televisión estatal.

"Hay otro 20 por ciento de las acciones de Globovisión que están en el aire porque cuando el Estado le dio la concesión, era para un señor que falleció (...) si alguien recibe una concesión para utilizarla y fallece; el Estado recupera", agregó. Chávez, que amenazó varias veces con el cierre del canal dijo que el Gobierno tomará hasta un 45,8 por ciento de su acciones pero precisó que no se trata de una expropiación. "Nos estamos incorporando al negocio", dijo sin precisar si con una eventual representación en la junta directiva buscará influenciar la línea editorial del canal. Pero Globovisión desestimó una automática inclusión del Gobierno dentro de la mesa que maneja al pequeño canal local. □

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